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REMARKS

The Examiner is asked to reconsider the remarks submitted on August 2, 2005 in response to the Final Action for the above-referenced patent application.

More specifically, the Examiner is asked to reconsider claims 1 and 21 as amended in the response filed on February 21, 2005, as well as the accompanying remarks.

Claim 1 distinguishes from the prior art, namely Price R-W et al, Maloney, and Guthrie, in that these references do not teach "at least one of said plurality of signal emitting devices initiating transmitting information from said vehicle to said readers". This is the basis for a non-polling type system, which differs from a polling-type system as described by the above-mentioned references. The major difference between the two types of systems lies in the fact that in a polling-type system, the tags on a vehicle will only transmit when interrogated by a module that requests the transmission of information. This type of system can easily be disabled by thieves since the interrogation or request signal can be jammed by most off-the-shelf jamming systems. If the interrogation signal is jammed or overpowered, the tag will not transmit any information and the system has essentially been disabled.

In contrast, the method described in claim 1 solves this problem by providing "signal emitting devices initiating transmitting". Since the tags *initiate* the transmission of information, the thief must attempt to locate the tags on the vehicle by sensing the outgoing signal and removing the tags in order to disable the system. The thief must also locate all of the tags on the vehicle in order to completely disable the system. There is no incoming signal that can be prevented from reaching the tags in order to disable the system.

Similarly, claim 21 teaches a plurality of signal emitting devices that "transmit[...] to a plurality of readers without being prompted to do so". This feature is not taught or suggested by the cited references for the same reasons as mentioned above.

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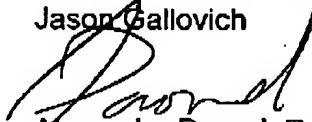
The Applicant would like to emphasize that having a non-polling type system is not a design choice but rather solves a problem encountered by the polling type systems.

The Applicant would also like to point out that the arguments provided for the dependent claims in the response of August 2, 2005 do not appear to have been considered in the Advisory Action. It would be appreciated if these arguments were given consideration by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes the present application to be patentable and early and favorable notice is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

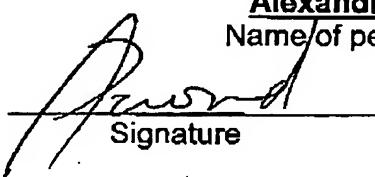
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